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## **Michigan Recognizes Local Heroes**

### **Patterson's "American Heroes Week" bill Passes Both Chambers**

**LANSING** – The "American Heroes Week" bill (Senate Bill 578) unanimously passed the Senate and House Chambers and was presented to the governor on July 10, 2003 for passage, announced Senator Bruce Patterson (R-Canton, 7<sup>th</sup> District). The governor has 14 days from July 10, 2003 to sign the bill.

Senate Bill (SB) 578 establishes an act recognizing the many Americans who demonstrated heroism on September 11, 2001 and encourages academic institutions to educate children about hometown heroes and role models.

The legislation was brought to Senator Patterson for sponsorship by RARE (Recognizing Achievement and Rewarding Excellence).

"American Heroes Week is a fitting tribute to the many Americans who display extraordinary acts of selflessness and courage," Patterson stated. "I am pleased to have worked with RARE to bring attention to such a worthy message."

SB 578 would create a new act to establish "American Heroes Week" in Michigan. It would fall each year on the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The bill also provides that the Legislature recognize the many ordinary Americans who showed heroism on September 11, 2001, and the days that followed.

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